

Important Dates	A Letter from the Principal – December 2023
<p><b>Dec 7</b> – Winter Band Concert @ WJH @ 6pm</p> <p><b>Dec 8</b> – Early Dismissal - WE students dismiss @ 1:30pm</p> <p><b>Dec 13</b> – Worth Board of Education Meeting</p> <p>WW Choir Concert @ 4:00pm (tickets required)</p> <p>January Breakfast/ Lunch menus released</p> <p><b>Dec 19</b> – Breakfast/Lunch online orders are due</p> <p><b>Dec 20</b> - Mobile Dentist @ Worthwoods</p> <p><b>Dec 22</b> – WW Early Dismissal for Winter Break Students Dismiss @ 1:30</p> <p><b>Dec 22 – Jan 7</b> Winter Break - <b>No School</b></p> <p><b>Looking Forward:</b></p> <p><b>Jan 8</b> – Classes resume</p> <p>Fastbridge Window opens</p> <p><b>Jan 10</b> – Worth BOE Mtg @ 6pm</p> <p><b>February Breakfast/ Lunch menus released</b></p>	<p>Dear Worthwoods Families,</p> <p>We hope that you had a wonderful week off for Thanksgiving break! Hopefully you found time to relax, have a little fun, and were able to enjoy time with the special people in your lives. We often get so wrapped up in our busy schedules that we forget to stop and enjoy the little things that enrich our lives so greatly. We find that it's in the quiet moments with our loved ones where we can take a minute to appreciate all for which we are thankful.</p> <p>With the season of giving upon us, we would like to recognize all of the things that fill our hearts with the gift of joy. During this season, our students have had the opportunity to give back a little and bring joy to others. As a school, we collected donations for the American Legion's Quarter Campaign for Veterans. These donations will help to bring a little cheer to our veterans who are living in Veterans Homes. Continuing with this theme, Worthwoods has been asked to once again partner with the Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Foundation. Through the month of December, we will be collecting unwrapped toys and/or gift cards for children and teens who are currently undergoing medical treatment for cancer. Sometimes a small gesture or act of kindness can truly change someone's day! Our students also started the month with our PBIS kick-off where we recognized all of our PAWS recipients and talked about our monthly themes of Kindness and Gratitude. During the week prior to winter break, students will be able to participate in a spirit week as well as other fun activities planned by their teachers!</p> <p>There are many things to look forward to in 2024 and some changes that will take place. When we return from winter break, Mrs. D'Andrea will be stepping in full-time at Worthwoods as principal while Mrs. Toms Bonnstetter is on maternity leave. Mrs. D'Andrea is excited to have the opportunity to spend more time at Worthwoods as she typically splits her time between elementary buildings. We are confident that our students, staff, and entire school community will be in the best possible hands! Mrs. Toms Bonnstetter is grateful to have the time at home with her baby girl once she arrives but looks forward to returning to Worthwoods in the Spring.</p> <p>Looking ahead, our Fastbridge Winter Benchmark Assessments will begin the week of January 8th. Please note that in the event of inclement weather on Mondays, chromebooks will begin going home on Fridays with students in grades 1-5. December 22nd is our last day prior to Winter Break. Students will be dismissed at 1:30. Devices will be sent home at this time. We look forward to seeing you back in January. Whether you find awe in the twinkling lights, comfort in a warm cup of hot chocolate, or simply enjoy some R &amp; R, we would like to wish all of our Worthwoods families a very happy holiday season and an even happier New Year. See you in 2024!</p>

**Jan 15** – MLK Observance -  
**NO SCHOOL**

**Jan 10** – Trimester II  
Midpoint

**Jan 17** – ACCESS Testing  
window opens (ML students)

**Jan 19** – February Breakfast  
/Lunch online orders are due  
Fastbridge Window Closes

**Jan 22** – 5 Essentials Survey  
Window opens

Sincerely,



Ms. Ashley Toms Bonnstetter  
Worthwoods School Principal



Mrs. Elizabeth D'Andrea  
Worthwoods School Assistant Principal

## Important Parent Information

### Daily Student Schedule

Grades 1-5  
8:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Kindergarten  
AM: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
PM: 12:15 - 3:15 p.m.

Kindergarten students were enrolled in sessions  
based on availability at the time of registration.

### Phone Information

School Messenger - Worth School District uses an  
automated telephone system to email and call  
parents with important information, updates, and  
information regarding emergency school closings.

Calls are made to the phone number designated by  
the parent/legal guardian.

Please make sure the school always has your most  
up-to-date phone number and email.

**District Website** - [www.worthschools.org](http://www.worthschools.org)

**Worthwoods Main Office Phone** - 708-448-2802

### Attendance

Attendance will be taken at 8:30 a.m. for ALL  
students.

P.M. Kindergarten will take attendance at 12:15 p.m.

Please call the office to report any absences or late  
arrivals.

If your child is sick, please call the  
**ABSENCE HOTLINE**  
708-671-5899

### Meal Ordering

Meal orders are available for grades 1-8 only. No  
meals will be provided for K.

If you are in need of assistance with ordering, please  
call the Nutrition Hotline at 708-671-3903.

Meal ordering information is now available on the  
district website:

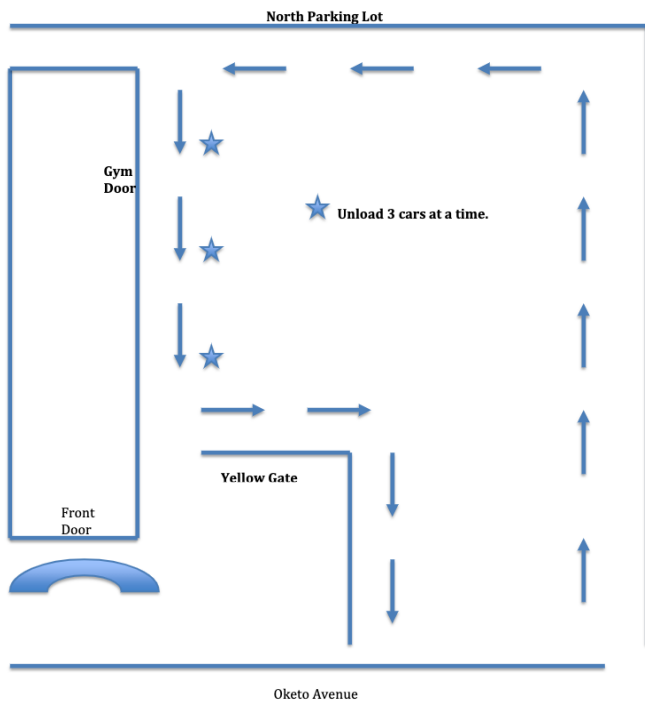
<https://worthschools.org/parents/meal-program/>

The Absence Hotline answering machine is on 24 hours per day.

## Drop-Off / Pick-Up Procedures

### Arrival @ 8:15 - 8:30 AM

- *Grades 1-5 and AM K: Gym Doors*
- *PM K: Door 2, first door North side of the building*
- Follow the circular pattern towards the back of the north parking lot.
- All students will enter the **Gym doors** starting at 8:15.
- Students should exit from the **passenger side** of the car only.
- Pull as far forward as possible to allow 3-4 cars to unload at one time.



### Dismissal @ 3:15

- *Grades K,1: Door 2, first door North side*
- *Grades 2-3: Door 3, second door North side (with ramp)*
- *Grade 4-5: Gym doors*
- Plan to arrive between 2:55 - 3:10 as we **close** the parking lot at **3:12**.
- **Back into a parking spot** or line up in rows at the back of the parking lot.
- The parking lot will reopen once all children have safely cleared the area.
- Cars will be dismissed from front to back.

